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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 is amended to recite a polypeptide monomer having greater than 70% amino acid sequence identity to SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:17, and claim 15 is amended to recite a polypeptide monomer having greater than 90% amino acid sequence identity to SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:17. Support for these amendments can be found, e.g., in the specification on page11 lines 2-6 and 10-22. New claim 36 finds support in claim 1 as originally filed, as well as in the specification on page 25, lines 12-14 or the specification. These amendments add no new matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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